

SENATE BILL 1429

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to eligibility to obtain a handgun carry permit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(c), is amended by designating the existing language of subdivision (12) as (12)(A), and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(B)

(i) Provided that an applicant who has voluntarily been committed to or hospitalized in a mental institution may obtain a handgun carry permit after three (3) years following the date of release from such commitment or hospitalization if such applicant also has a certificate from a psychiatrist licensed in this state stating that during such three (3) year period the applicant exhibited no signs of mental illness and the applicant is not a danger to himself or society.

(ii) Provided further, that an applicant who has been involuntarily committed to or hospitalized in a mental institution may obtain a handgun carry permit after five (5) years following the date of release from such commitment or hospitalization if such applicant also has a certificate from a psychiatrist licensed in this state stating that during such five (5) year period the applicant exhibited no signs of mental illness, is no longer adversely affected by mental illness and is not a danger to himself or society.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.